

## Message Text

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FM AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8157  
INFO USMISSION USUN NEW YORK  
AMEMBASSY PRETORIA  
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AMEMBASSY LONDON

C O N F I D E N T I A L JOHANNESBURG 2188

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PGOV, SF  
SUBJECT: VORSTER'S HEALTH

REF: PRETORIA 5350

1. AFRIKANERS HERE TELL US RUMOR IS THAT PM HAS SUFFERED  
STROKE, SLOWING HIS MOVEMENTS AND SPEECH AND EXPLAINING  
CANCELLATION SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS. FEAR IS THAT HE MAY SUFFER  
ANOTHER AND WHOLLY INCAPACITATING STROKE BEFORE ASSURANCE  
OBTAINED THAT HIS SUCCESSOR WILL BE OTHER THAN PLURAL AFFAIRS  
MINISTER CONNIE MULDER, FRONT-RUNNER AT PRESENT.

2. ONE SOURCE ADDS THAT PM HAS HIGH RED BLOOD CORPUSCLE  
COUNT AND SMALL BLOOD CLOTS IN LEGS.  
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